

AMID UKRAINE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO INDIA

Pak to Ship 230 Containers of Arms to Ukraine

India keeps close watch on possibility of missile tech transfer to Pak by Ukraine



Ukrainian soldiers ride atop an APC on the frontline in Bakhtut region last weekend—AP

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New Delhi: Ukraine-Pakistan defence nexus looms large on the horizon even as the Ukrainian deputy foreign minister undertakes a four-day visit to India from Sunday.

Signalling to deepen defence partnership, Pakistan will ship 230 defence containers this month from the Karachi Port via two vessels MV Bokram and MV Kherson, ET has reliably learnt.

Ships transferring weapons from Pakistan to Ukraine are increasingly using the US and European flags, ET has learnt from persons familiar with the issue. Ports in Poland and Germany are the main gateway to transfer arms from Pakistan that included tanks and rockets, ET had earlier reported.

Interestingly, Pakistan is assisting Ukraine even as it seeks Russian assistance to upgrade aircraft engines. Islamabad is claiming that it will receive discounted oil from Russia beginning at the end of April. However, there is no concrete evidence of any Russia-Pakistan energy deal.

It has come to light that Ukraine-Pakistan-China in the past had created a nexus to share missile technology among themselves. The Indian establishment is trying to verify if Ukraine is still involved in sharing any missile technology to Pakistan, ET has learnt. In 2021, Pakistan was keen to purchase an anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) system from Ukraine. Kiev has also been accused of assisting North Korea in the past with missile technology. Ukraine has been facing

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OLD NEXUS
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shortage of arms and ammunition and Pakistan has emerged as a key supplier of defence equipment in lieu of western aid. Last year, the UK used Pakistan as an air bridge to supply arms to Ukraine via Romania. Nur Khan Air Base in Rawalpindi was part of the air bridge reportedly used by the UK for military aircraft flights to Avram Iancu Cluj International Airport in Romania via a British air base in the Mediterranean to transfer arms to Ukraine. ET was the first report on this development. Some of the shipments were based on a memorandum of understanding between Pakistan and the UK's defence ministry.

COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF PROJECT TIGER IN MYSURU

India's Tiger Population at 3,167: PM

'We finished 75 years of Independence and now we have 75% of the world's tiger population'

Our Political Bureau

Bengaluru: India has a tiger population of 3,167, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced at an event in Mysuru, commemorating 50 years of Project Tiger on Sunday in poll-bound Karnataka. Modi undertook a 20-km-long safari in Bandipur Tiger Reserve and re-

leased the summary report of the 5th cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation.

"We have added about 200 tigers to our forest in the last five years... we are expanding our tiger family," he said, calling the success of Project Tiger a matter of pride, not just for India, but for the entire world.

"We finished 75 years of Independence and now we have 75% of the world's tiger population. Coincidentally, we also have 75,000 sq km of tiger reserves, and we have increased the tiger population by 75% in the last 10-12 years," he added.

The Prime Minister lauded India's spirit towards protectiveness and conservation, attributing the success of Project Tiger to "sabka pray-



PM Narendra Modi in Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Sunday —IANS

as" (everyone's efforts). "With only 2.5% of the world's area, we contribute around 8% of the world's biodiversity. We do not assume conflict between ecology and economy, we promote co-existence," he said.

Modi also launched the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA), to mobilise financial and technical resources while learning from the conservation experiences of various countries. The IBCA will focus on conserving seven major big cats of the world - tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar and cheetah. Countries that are home to these cats will be a part of this alliance. "Together we will save these species from extinction, and create a safe and healthy ecosystem," he said.



Tiger Roar Turns Louder in India

India's 'Status of Tigers 2022' report shows 6.74% increase in tiger population from 2018

A total of 3,080 individual tigers (> 1 year of age) camera-trapped, with the highest sightings in Central Indian landscape followed by the Western Ghats and the Shivalik-Gangetic plain

The Central Indian landscape: Increase in population with tigers occupying new areas in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. However, local tiger population has become extinct in several areas such as Sri Venkateswara National Park and tiger reserves such as Kawal, Satkosia and Sahyadri

Eastern landscape: Serious conservation efforts are needed to help tiger population recovery in Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh. Continued protection needed in the North-East and Sunderbans

Forest divisions of the Shivalik hills and Gangetic plains landscape recorded substantial increase with total of 804 unique tigers spotted which is higher than estimated population of 646 (SE 567-726) in 2018

The report stresses the need to repopulate the Shivalik Forest Division of Uttar Pradesh and increase protection for tigers in Suhelwa and the genetically divergent population of Valmiki

The Western Ghats: In 2022, 824 unique tigers were recorded against 981 in 2018, indicating a decline in some regions and stability in well-protected tiger reserves and areas such as Wayanad landscape, BRT Hills and the border regions Goa and Karnataka



Challenges:

Out of the approximately 400,000 square kilometers of forests in tiger states, only one-third are in relatively healthier condition, says the report. Mining, roads, poaching, climate change and loss of quality forests key concerns

Cites case of linear infrastructure projects in the congested corridor between western and eastern Rajaji (Haridwar-Dehradun) that have left the area 'functionally extinct for large carnivores and elephant movement'

TIGER RESERVES

The 5th Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of India's tiger reserves indicate a mean score of 77.92% (ranging between 50% to 94%) for 51 of our Tiger Reserves

Periyar in Kerala (MEE score 94.38%), Satpura in Madhya Pradesh and Bandipur in Karnataka (MEE score 93.18%), and Nagarhole in Karnataka (MEE score 92.42%) reported top three MEE score in 2022 cycle

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Corrigendum

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि PR 293469 Road (22-23)*D द्वारा प्रकाशित पथ प्रमण्डल, गुमला अंतर्गत Widening/Strengthening to 2- lane of Chainpur-Mahuadarn upto Dumri Road (MDR-36) (Total Length-11.580km) job no - CRF-JHR-2022-23/57 कार्य की निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारणवश अगले आदेश तक स्थगित किया जाता है।

Sd/- Executive Engineer R.C.D. Road Division Gumla

Extension of the last date for submission of EoI in Coastal Engeren Private Limited Addendum to the Form G published on February 10, 2023 and Addendums published on February 24, 2023 and March 13, 2023

This is with reference to the Form G inviting Expression of Interest ("EOI") to submit resolution plan in relation to the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of "Coastal Engeren Private Limited" published on February 10, 2023 in All India Editions of Business Standard and Economic Times and Tamil Edition of Hindu (the "Main Advertisements") in terms of provisions of Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016, wherein the last date of submission of EOIs was February 25, 2023, and in this regard, two addendums were issued in the same newspapers on February 24, 2023 and March 13, 2023 intimating the extension of the last date for submission of EOIs to March 12, 2023 and then March 27, 2023.

Please note that the last date of submission of EOIs has been further extended to April 17, 2023. All other terms & conditions remain unchanged. Please visit <http://www.coastalengeren.com/cirp.html> or write to us at cirp.coastal@gmail.com for updated document of invitation for EoI and other documents.

Sd/- Mr. Radhakrishnan Dharmarajan Resolution Professional IBB/IIPA-001/IP-P0050812017-2018/10909 NO 31, Krishna, 1st Avenue 100 Feet Road, Ashok Nagar, Chennai-600083, Tamil Nadu For M/s Coastal Engeren Private Limited AFA Valid upto: November 30, 2023 Date: April 6, 2023 Place: Chennai

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER Batch No. 170/23 dated : 06.04.2023 E-Tender Notice for supply of materials "participation in through" web portal of IREPS - www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materials. The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00 hrs.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Published on/ time	Closing on
1	12230075	Thermal ticket roll	329450 Nos	31.03.23/14:56:52	01.05.23
2	12230077	Pre printed PRS ticket roll	50415 Nos	31.03.23/16:28:06	01.05.23
3	03234065	Associated components of machined stator assembly	124 sets	31.03.23/14:25:48	01.05.23
4	03233652	Ring adhalan	180 Nos	03.04.23/12:45:41	01.05.23
5	03224971	Set of Pressure governor	5 sets	03.04.23/12:56:52	01.05.23
6	07235014A	As per tender	As per tender	03.04.23/16:30:15	08.05.23
7	14235006	Supply, replacement/ fitment, testing & commissioning of 750/415V,200 VA control transformer in LHB power	122 sets	05.04.23/17:25:48	01.05.23

Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS - www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignees and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal. PR/00044/HQ/STORE/723-24/64 SMM/G

ET ANALYSIS

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New Delhi: NCP chief Sharad Pawar's rejoinder to the Congress demand for a JPC on the Adani issue advertised the

Pawar's Response on Adani Issue Stirs Oppn Pot, Triggers Whispers in Cong on Electoral Resonance

ifferences NCP has with ally Congress. It also coincided with differences within the Opposition ranks, including scepticism within the Congress, on whether the issue on which Rahul Gandhi and the party brass have chosen to focus fully has political/electoral resonance with the masses or whether the Adani matter—despite vital issues raised by the Hindenburg report—

risks the same fate as Gandhi's pre-2019 LS poll fixation with the Rafale deal that had failed to fire up voters' imagination and helped the regime to divert electoral focus away from many incumbency issues.

Pawar's stand against the JPC and his pitch for the Opposition focusing on bread and butter issues of the people to counter the Modi regime has the potential to tap the sentiments of some Opposition parties when the Congress leadership is preparing to host them for unity moves. Many have noticed Pawar's stand against JPC has brought him on the same page with TMC supremo and his long-term ally Mamata Banerjee. The TMC MPs had distanced themselves from the Congress-led agitation in Parliament for a JPC on the Adani-Hindenburg issue.

Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, TMC chief whip in the RS and national spokesperson, told ET: "Mr Sharad Pa-

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1	उपकरण	उपकरण	54.48	1.10	2714.00	120 DAYS	
2	उपकरण	उपकरण	60.71	1.02	2714.00	120 DAYS	
3	उपकरण	उपकरण	44.55	0.90	2714.00	120 DAYS	
4	उपकरण	उपकरण	60.34	1.02	2714.00	120 DAYS	
5	उपकरण	उपकरण	60.36	1.22	2714.00	120 DAYS	
6	उपकरण	उपकरण	66.11	1.14	2714.00	120 DAYS	
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9	उपकरण	उपकरण	59.03	1.20	2714.00	120 DAYS	
10	उपकरण	उपकरण	85.94	1.72	2650.00	120 DAYS	

वैश्व संकट पर बिड कार्यक्रम की उपलब्धता की तिथि- 27/04/2023
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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

01 Name of work with its location: Outsourcing of Non - Power block activities in Sonpur division for 02 years. (730 days)
02 Approx. cost of the works (₹): ₹ 3,80,37,738/- 03 Earnest Money to be deposited (₹): ₹ 3,40,200/- Cost of tender forms (₹): ₹ 0/- 04 Date & time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender: Submission of e-tenders: 04.05.2023 till 12.00 hrs. Opening of e-tenders: on 04.05.2023 at 12.00 hrs. in the office of the Sr. Div. Electrical Engineer (TRD), DRM Office, E. C. Railway, Sonpur.
05 Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of e-tender can be seen. WEBSITE: <http://www.ireps.gov.in> NOTICE BOARD: DRM Office Campus, E. C. Railway, Sonpur.
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD East Central Railway/ Sonpur PR/00050/SEE/ETRD/723-24/28

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Workshop, N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur for & behalf of President of India invites "OPEN" E-Tender through online (e-tendering) for the following work:
TENDER NOTICE NO. EL-MWS-GKP-2023-24-02
Tender No. & Description of Work: EL-MWS-GKP-2023-24-02, Hiring of One No. 750 KVA Silent DG Set for 24 months in Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur. Approx Value: ₹ 38,17,300.00, E.M.D. Money: ₹ 76,400.00, Cost of Tender document: 0.00
Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter-24 Months, E-tender online will be submitted up to 11:00 Hrs on dated 01.05.2023. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway IREPS official website www.ireps.gov.in.
Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer(W.S) CPRO/Elect-06 Gorakhpur
About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 9979484595
Never travel on roof and foot boards.

PM DEGREE ROW

Some Remain Illiterate Despite IIT Degree: LG Hits out Kejriwal

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: In a dig at Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena on Sunday said that one should not be boastful about one's degree and some people remain illiterate despite being educated in IIT.

Saxena was asked about Kejriwal's comments targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his educational qualifications and questioning the genuineness of his degrees.

"I have heard the comments made by the honourable chief minister in the Assembly. One should never be boastful about their degree. A degree is only a receipt of education but real education lies

in your knowledge and behaviour. I have seen the kind behaviour exhibited over the last few days. It has been proved how some people remain illiterate despite being educated in IIT," the LG said.

The Delhi chief minister, who has studied at IIT, and his Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have launched a fresh attack on the issue since the Gujarat High Court recently quashed a seven-year-old order of the Central Information Commission (CIC) that had asked the Gujarat University to provide information on Modi's degree to Kejriwal. The HC also imposed a fine of ₹25,000 on the AAP chief, who was the RTI applicant in the matter. Reacting to Saxena's remarks, AAP leader and Delhi Education Minister Atishi accused him of raising questions on prestigious institutions like IITs and said the LG and BJP leaders should also show their degrees.

"LG sahab is raising questions on those IITs, in whose name Indian students become CEOs of big companies and make the nation proud.

earlier intervention to caution Rahul Gandhi about his comments on Savarkar that had angered Shiv Sena (UBT). The Sena has now showed understanding into the Adani-Hindenburg matter. The fact that the SC has constituted a committee of experts to probe the Hindenburg revelations and also suggest ways to prevent recurrence of such issues, showed the apex court found prima facie merit in the demand for a probe. As everybody has faith in the Supreme Court, there can't be any grounds to doubt the SC-monitored probe. We would like to see an early completion of the probe and submission of the findings".

Whether all those 16 Opposition parties who protested along with the Congress in Parliament on Adani issue and for the JPC issues will stay the course is now a matter of suspense.

Within the Congress, some leaders privately feel their leadership should, alongside the Adani issue, tactically broad-base the campaign against the Modi regime by showcasing economic issues that have hit ordinary people. They see in PM Modi's daily harping against "corruption", him erecting a counter to the Adani issue and against Opposition leaders, as his fourth plank alongside the "leadership-development-Hindutva-nationalist" quartet.

"The main reasons why Rahul ji's campaign against the Rafale deal and his 'Chowkidar chor hai' slogan didn't work in the election is because it was more about procedural issues than evidence of kick-back. Also, PM Modi's popularity rating was too high to be breached with the Rafale plank. Now, the Adani matter raises serious issues of crony capitalism and regulators' functioning, but whether the issue has a direct connect with the masses who vote and whether it alone can be effective in denting the PM's standing and his own positioning as a crusader against corruption is a matter of debate many among us," a senior Congress MP said privately.

ON THE SAME PAGE

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On his party not preferring a JPC on the matter, Ray said: "There is nothing wrong per say in demanding a JPC probe but the fact is past JPC probes into Harshad Mehta, Ketan Parekh (stocks scam) and the 2G issues failed to produce anything concrete. That is why the TMC demanded a SC-monitored probe and didn't join the Congress' and others' agitation for a JPC. Rahul Gandhi had every right as an MP to speak in the House on the Adani issue but the treasury benches did the most unacceptable act of taking the lead in disrupting the entire session so that the Houses could not discuss the budget and many issues that concerned the people".

Sharad Pawar's stand on the Adani issue also came close on the heels of his

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MAHORE IRRIGATION DIVISION DHARMARI

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 03 of 2023-24 Dated : 07/04/2023

Executive Engineer Mahore Irrigation Division Dharmari on behalf of L.L. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, invite tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible registered contractor's upto 1800 Hrs on 14/04/2023 for the following work.

S. No.	Name of Work	Est Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete Job	Time and date of opening of Technical Bid	Class of Contr.
1	Balance work for Remodelling/Improvement of Lower Gajore Khul from RD 0m to 3300m at spots under NABARD.	88.75	2000/-	177500/-	06 Months	15/04/2023 A (1300 hours)	3

1/ Date of Publishing from 07/04/2023
2/ The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jtenders.gov.in> from 1000 Hrs on 07/04/2023 to 14/04/2023 (1800 Hrs).
3/ The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jtenders.gov.in> from (1000 Hrs) on 07/04/2023 to 14/04/2023 upto (1800 Hrs). The technical bids received will be opened at (1300 Hrs) on 15/04/2023 on line.
4/ The complete bidding process will be on line.
No. :- MIDD/ENIT/23-24/58-78
Dated :- 07/04/2023
DIP No:DPJ-19423
(Er. Kishore Kumar)
Executive Engineer
Mahore Irrigation Division
Dharmari.